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27 January 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, ISG
THROUGH: Chief, FEPAC
SUBJECT: Elimination of US POW Photographic File

1. Prior to the reorganization, Graphics Register maintained a file on US POWs held by Hanoi. This file was subsequently transferred to FEPAC Division. It now consists of 200-250 photographs and is growing at the rate of 2% a month.

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2. [] is assigned primary responsibility for all questions regarding POWs. They maintain their own files, including a photographic file which not only duplicates our file but in addition is more extensive. They receive all photographs of US POWs and accession those that are of interest to them. Graphics initially felt that as long as copies were being made for [] an extra copy could be made and kept in a file located in Graphics.

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3. Since [] maintains their own files and answers all requests from the intelligence community, Asia Branch has never used its file. [] ISG analyst for North Vietnam, asked [] why it was necessary for us to keep such a file. They agreed that our file has no utility except to serve as a backup file.

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4. Since we have never used the file it is recommended that our holdings be transferred to [] they are agreeable. Any future request from other offices can be turned over to []. We will continue to perform all necessary graphics service for [] including dissemination.

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5. The advantages of this move are not very significant, but it gets us out of a collection activity which we have no business being in. *how are we*

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